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BIRTH.
At Hongkong on the 26th inst. the wife of Mr.
A. BEYON, of a son. [2997]

MARRIAGE.
On 25th December, at St. John's Cathedral,
Hongkong, by the Rev. R. P. Johnstone, T. BULOW
RAVENS, son of CARL JOHN BARON RAVENS,
to ANNA ALEXANDRA FRICK, eldest
daughter of JOHAN FERDINAND FRICK, Civil
Engineer, Bergen, Norway. [2996]

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DEVEX ROAD, CL.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 27TH, 1904.

It is not useful to speak of Corea's present position as some Orient newspapers are at present speaking. It is easy to pour out sentiment in connection with the apparently hard, painful, and unfair position into which Corea, as the cockpit of the East, has been thrust; but there is no great excuse for doing so. In her geographical position, Corea needed a much more settled and strong administration than has been her lot while Russia, China, Japan, and England have been wrangling round her borders. England's temporary occupation of Port Hamilton from 1885 to 1887 would presumably never have been ventured but for Russia's intrigues to establish a protectorate over Corea; and but for Corea's domestic disorder, involving all kinds of fatal cross purposes, it is unlikely that Japan, with whom the new Emperor made wise treaty, could have been forced into the role of the tyrant of to-day, as depicted by the sentimentalists. The Emperor's father, whom Li HUNG CHANG so cleverly withdrew from mischief, was an incarnation of China in her relations with the irresistible foreigner. His riotous attack on the Japanese Legation at Seoul was only the first of a series of incidents, more or less prominent, continued by anti-foreign imitators, that has made it clearly impossible to obtain peace while Corea remains a

debatable land, inspiratory of the covetousness of her neighbours. For a long time it was China and Japan which faced each other on Corean soil; and that Corea's unhappy lot was fully recognised is evident in the China-Japan treaty of 1885. Both countries, while thus emphasising Corea's moral right to absolute autonomy, foresaw that, unless Corea herself awoke to her responsibilities, there would be more trouble. Corea was in the position of the lunatic and distracted person whose affairs must be administered by the community unless injustice is to be done by reason of his incompetence. The way in which Corea, who must be held responsible for the various cliques at headquarters, coquetted with Russia after the China-Japan war was evidence of hopeless incompetence, if of nothing less excusable. Even neutrality, unsupported by force, or power, is more dangerous than otherwise. As Mr. T. COWEN in his recent book on the Russo-Japanese war says, Corea has been so weak and so blind as to lend herself to alien intrigues which constitute a grave menace to Japan. Corea is obviously not a country to stand alone, and from more points of view than that of Japan herself, Japan ought to be the leaning post. Mr. COWEN says: "Though the land has immense capabilities, the Coreans do almost nothing with it, for they say it is useless to acquire wealth; the officials would rob them the more, and it is easier to remain idle than to acquire property and go to the trouble of stopping the robbery." This view of the typical Corean is a dependable one; and we are not disposed, from a British standpoint, to quarrel with any measures Japan may take to bring about a more desirable state of things for all interested. Those of our foreign contemporaries in Corea, and even in Japan, who have been painting Corea as the injured martyr to Japanese aggression may have the better of an academic discussion, but for practical politics, a free hand for Japan in Corea seems the better way.

Fire-firing will to-morrow be carried out on the slopes west of Shatin Pass.

The Police Magistrate's Department was closed yesterday; it will also be closed on the 2nd prox.

It has been officially notified that the appointment of Thomas Henry King as a police probator in the Hongkong Police Force has been approved.

Le Courier d'Haiphong announces that a company has been formed at Hanoi by M. Berl, a French civil engineer, for the electric lighting of Macao and Cholon. It is understood that the capital of the concern amounts to \$500,000.

Mr. Hugh Richard Phelps, Local Auditor of the East African Protectorate, has been appointed Local Auditor of Hongkong in succession to Mr. Hilgrove Clement Nicolle, who has been appointed Treasurer of Ceylon.

The Hongkong Government Gazette announces that Brazil has been notified by the Permanent Commission, established under the Brussels Sugar Convention, to be a country which grants bounties on the production or export of sugar.

Military gun practice will, weather permitting, be carried out from Stonecutters tomorrow and Friday in a south-westerly direction at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards; and from Lyemun, in the direction of Junk Bay, on Friday at ranges from 600 to 6,000 yards.

The Russians say, according to a St. Petersburg telegram, that they have sunk the Port Arthur fleet in order to save it from the bombardment which the Japanese were making against it, making use of their naval artillery and crews for the land defences of Port Arthur.

The King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following ordinances.—Ordinance No. 10 of 1904, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891; and Ordinance No. 11 of 1904, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Women and Girls' Ordinance, 1897.

Mr. Aratoon Seth, Registrar of Companies, notifies that in three months from the 17th instant, the following companies will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register, and the companies will be dissolved, viz.:—Man Wo Fung Co., Ltd.; Hioho Gas Co., Ltd.; Shun Hung Steam-boat Co., Ltd.; Shanghai Oil Co., Ltd.; Wuha Rice Flour Mill Co., Ltd.; Hongkong and West River Steam-boat Co., Ltd.; Canton Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.; Wing Lee Steamship Co., Ltd.; Kai Hong Steam-boat Co., Ltd.; Yokohama Steam-Laundry Co., Ltd.; Po On Steam-Laundry Co., Ltd.; Po Hing Co., Ltd.; Po Chai Steamship Co., Ltd.; Canton Property Investment Co., Ltd.; Wing Yuen Steamship Co., Ltd.; China Steamship Company of Canton and Hongkong, Ltd.; Tientsin Electric Lighting and Tramway Co., Ltd.; Hongkong Necropolis Co., Ltd.; China Commercial Steamship Co., Ltd.; Hongkong Lithographic Co., Ltd., and the Ping On Co., Ltd.

TELEGRAMS.

[DAILY PRESS SERVICE.]

STEAMER SOLD.

SHANGHAI, 26th December.
The Taikoo steamer *Whampoa* has been sold.

BIG LANDSLIP AT CHINKIANG.

SHANGHAI, 26th December.
There was a big landslide at Chinkiang on Friday. The Wye Chungchong godowns at the lower end of the Bund were carried away; and a large number of Chinese drowned.

The Taikoo godowns adjoining are protected by bunding, but their condition is considered precarious.

[The Commissioner of Customs at Chinkiang in his Report for 1903, wrote: "While the upper section of this harbour is rapidly silted up, the lower section, from the Ho-tung-tang to Consular Bluff, is fast being washed away. A portion of the Ho-hua-ang foreshore collapsed in December, and the numerous fissures in the foreshore and the great depth of water near the bank tend to show that other subsidence may be expected." Last year there were similar subsidence at Nanking where a portion of the river bank belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire suddenly collapsed into the river, carrying with it an iron godown full of cargo. It was estimated that 150 Chinese lost their lives by that subsidence. Another landslip a month later carried away 200 feet of the Customs building. Among the theories propounded as to the cause of these disasters was one to the effect that the current of the river had washed out a stratum of quicksand 40 feet below the surface of the superimposed buildings, etc., when the fall of the river took away the support of the water.]

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE ALLEGED BRIBERY OF HULL
FISHERMEN.LONDON, 23rd December.
The Russian Consul states that only one man, named Avas, a boatswain, signed a sworn statement; he did not think the man was drunk; others made statements but were afraid to sign them. The boatswain at an interview declared that he was drunk when taken to the Consulate.

BAD FOGS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, 23rd December.
Almost unprecedented fogs have prevailed in England since yesterday, creating chaos, paralyzing locomotion and business, particularly the London Christmas trade, which is at a standstill, involving enormous losses.LATER.
The fog which has paralyzed London for two days has lifted but is still general throughout England; shipping is at a standstill.

THE SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, 23rd December.
The situation in Morocco is causing uneasiness; the unrest there is increasing and it is feared that France will find a difficulty in pursuing a policy of peaceful penetration without a display of force.

THE WAR.

BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL

PORT ARTHUR.

TOKYO, 24th December.
The Port Arthur Army reports that a detachment of our right occupied a hill to the east of Hoyerhukao. Thereupon the enemy made a fierce counter attack, but they were repulsed; and our occupation is now nearly assured.

This hill is situated one mile and a half south of the 203-metre-Hill. The bombardment by our heavy guns caused a great conflagration in the north fort of Hsityan-gao.

TOKYO, 25th December.
The Port Arthur Army reports that in the last few days the Russians have been dislodged from their outposts in the direction of our right, all of which completely fell into our hands on the 25th inst.

No. 7 Police Station wore a gay appearance last evening, for the Police ball. The courtyard was brightly lighted up by Chinese lanterns. The ballroom was prettily decorated. On the walls were placards mostly humorous, and quite unlooked for from the police themselves. One said "Success to our Captain and his lady"; others reading: "The model Bobby always one minute late," and "Can never be found when he's wanted." Inspector Collett, who acted as president of the Committee in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Hanson, looked after the various wants of the guests. Other members of the Committee who worked hard to make the dance a success were: Sgt. MacDonald (Secretary), Sgt. Watt, Lee, Clyde and Hedge, and P. C. Williams, Cooper, Parr, Shepherd, Hayes and Pitt. Sgt. Gaunt acted as M. C., and dancing went merrily till an early hour this morning.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The Bishop, assisted by the Revs. A. Seale and P. Jenkins officiated at Christmas Service at the Cathedral. There was not such a good attendance as last year. The altar and font, particularly the latter, was prettily decorated. The music went off very well. The Rev. F. Johnson preached. There was a very good attendance at Matins and Evensong. The Bishop again officiated in the evening, when Christmas Carols were sung for half an hour.

THE UNION CHURCH.

There was an exceptionally large congregation at the Union Church on Christmas morning. The Rev. C. H. Hickling delivered an appropriate sermon. The singing went very well. In both morning and evening the Rev. C. H. Hickling gave addresses to children. There was a gathering in the school hall in the evening by invitation of Presbyterian members of the Garrison and others. After-light refreshments the Rev. C. H. Hickling made an address. The New Year will be observed by members of the Union Church rather more than Christmas, and, in addition to the services, entertainments are being arranged.

THE WESLEYAN CHURCH.

At the Wesleyan Garrison Church, Wan-chai, services were conducted by the Rev. W. Bridie. In addition to other sermons, he made an address to children. There was a large attendance, and the singing was good.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church at West Point was prettily decorated. The attendance was very good indeed. The Rev. J. H. France officiated, and the Rev. P. Jenkins preached. Carols were sung at service in the afternoon, the little choir boys in sailor suits giving a low account of themselves.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The services at St. Stephen's Church for Chinese at West Point were well attended.

MIDNIGHT MASS.

Midnight Mass was celebrated in the Roman Catholic Cathedral with the Rev. H. de Maria officiating. There was a large attendance, though not quite so large as in former years. This was attributable to the cold, wet weather. The service concluded at a quarter past one.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

On Christmas morning Mass at the St. Joseph's Church commenced at nine o'clock, the Rev. Fr. Augustine officiating. The choir sang Webb's Mass in G flat very creditably. It was composed of two sopranos, two tenors and a bass, with Mr. Emil Danenberg at the organ. About five hundred, the larger part being naval and military men, were present. The Band from the Austrian cruiser *Kaiserin Elizabeth* played both before and after Mass.

THE CATHOLIC UNION.

A Christmas Tea for poor children was given in the Club rooms of the Catholic Union on Christmas afternoon. There was a large gathering, and the contingents of poor children numbered over five hundred. Each received a toy or other small present. The children were served with tea and cake by the committee of the Catholic Union, assisted by some ladies.

ALI Baba."

Last night the third performance of *Ali Baba* was given before a good house. Those taking the various parts showed they are gaining confidence and experience. The harlequinade caused a good deal of amusement.

SAILOWS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

The lads in blue and khaki were not forgotten during the season of peace and goodwill. The Home was beautifully decorated with British and foreign flags, greenery and Chinese lanterns. The decorations in the large concert room were very imposing. Mrs. Bullin, Matron of the Home, throughout the afternoon entertained hundreds of sailors and soldiers at tea. During the meal music was supplied by the band of the 10th Mahrattas. The inner room being ap- pased, a Christmas entertainment followed shortly afterwards. His Excellency the Governor took the chair and the following programme was gone through, the applause following each performer being loud and long.—March, Under Freedom's Flag, Orchestra; Song, The Dear Home Land, Mr. Harris; Song, Mrs. Badley; Violin Solo, The Broken Melody, Mr. Jenkins; Song Mrs. Kruger; Humorous sketch. That's why the men are kept waiting, Mr. Walstow; Selection by the Band, Mahratta L. I.; Song Mrs. Andrews; Song, Mr. Bowen; Duet Larboard Watch, Messrs. Bowen and Thwaites; Song, Humorous, This Way Mr. Walstow; Song, Mrs. Penfold; Song, The Deathless Army, Mr. Bacon; March, Unter dem Siegesbanner, Orchestra; Song, Mr. Penfold; Duet, The Pilot Brave, Messrs. Bacon and Harris; Violin Solo, My Dream, Mr. Jenkins; Song, The Holy City, Mr. Christie; Selection by the Band Mahratta L. I.; Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Penfold; Song, Humorous, Mr. Walstow; Song, Humorous Mr. Christie; Song, Daddy, Mr. Thwaites; Banjo Solo, Mr. McGrann.

Owing to indisposition, the Hon. F. H. May and Mrs. May were absent. In the absence of the latter, His Excellency presented a number of sailors and soldiers in attendance with useful and fancy presents which were provided by the Matron, Mrs. Bullin.

THE NAVAL YARD.

The large room of the Police Mess was handsomely decorated, while the tables glistened under the weight of dainties at the dinner given on Christmas day. Inspector Lovett was placed at the head of the table, and there were a goodly number of guests present. The toasts of the King, Commander, Commodore and Inspector were heartily drunk, and altogether, a very pleasant time was spent.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CLUB V. UNITED SERVICES.

This match was postponed on Christmas Eve on account of the weather; it was played yesterday. The Hongkong Club went in first and scored 143 runs, none of which were extras. E. Hancock (captain of his team) headed the list with 43 runs to his credit. J. T. Dixon was next with 35, and T. E. Pearce third with 27. J. T. Dixon on one occasion drove the ball right out of the field, as also did E. H. Morrell. The latter was unfortunate enough to be stamped when he had commenced his innings. For the United Services Lieut. Heath knocked up the fine total of 69 runs. He made one six. The United Services total was 169. The second innings did not count in the game as there were several substitutes, one of which was bowling. William Dixon and H. Hancock each went in for slogging, scoring numerous boundaries, the ball being sent over the rails on seven occasions. Scores, etc. were as follows:

| HONGKONG CLUB. | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------|------|
| T. Sercombe Smith | c. b. b. Harris | ... 10 | |
| E. Pearce | c. Bentick, b. Lumsden | 27 | |
| R. Hancock | c. Lumsden, b. Harris | 43 | |
| C. M. G. Burns | c. de Paris | 6 | |
| H. Hancock | c. Head, b. Harris | 4 | |
| Pelham Dixon | c. Head, b. Harris | 4 | |
| G. Ward | c. de Paris, b. Harris | 22 | |
| J. T. Dixon | c. Airy, b. Harris | 35 | |
| R. E. O. Bird | b. Lumsden | 3 | |
| Walter Dixon | not out | 17 | |
| E. H. Morrell | c. de Paris, b. Harris | 7 | |
| Extras | | 0 | |
| Total | | 116 | |
| UNITED SERVICES. | | | |
| Lord B. Gordon Lennox | b. J. T. Dixon | 14 | |
| R. Bentick | b. N. R. I. Dixon | 11 | |
| E. O. Bird | b. J. T. Dixon | 11 | |
| Lieut. Heath | 110 M.L.I. | 61 | |
| b. J. T. Dixon | 69 | | |
| Sub-Lieut. Bentick | R. N., b. Morrell | 12 | |
| Sub-Lieut. E. G. R. N. | b. Morrell | 10 | |
| Lieut. Airy | 114 M.L.I. | 20 | |
| Walter Dixon | not out | 14 | |
| Lieut. Iannaden | R. A., c. Morrell | 7 | </td |

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

CLUB GERMANIA

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club Germany will be held in the CLUB HOUSE, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 28th December, 1904, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order, G. FRIESLAND,

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Hongkong, 26th December, 1904. [2993]

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Cargo impeding the discharge, or remaining on board after 12 o'clock NOON, on the 28th inst., will be landed at Consignees risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [2991]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"JAVA."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:-
From London, &c., ex.s.s. Marmora.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M. To-day, the 24th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 31st inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINSESSE MARIE."

OF THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 o'clock, this Afternoon, the 24th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st instant, will be subject to rent.

"All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th January, 1905, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [2995]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNERS per Company's Steamer

"SOBRAENSE."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 24th instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 29th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [10-1]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNERS per Company's Steamer

"PELEUS."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 26th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 30th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3rd prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [10-1]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1904. [2984]

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1904. [2981]

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TO LET.

GODOWN No. 3, New Praya, Kennedy Town. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO. LTD. Hongkong, 22nd November, 1904. [2725]

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TO LET.

N. 7, ROSE TERRACE, Kowloon, from 1st January, 1905. Apply to— M. DAZEVEDO, No. 8, Rose Terrace, Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [2950]

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A T East Point, a NEW BRICK-BUILT TWO STORED GODDOWN with Water Frontage. Apply to— JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. Hongkong, 26th November, 1904. [2762]

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On account of its property of being solidified by heat and liquified by cold, the new substance known as "cryostase" has been regarded as quite unique, but M. Charles Tauret, a French chemist, has now discovered other substances behaving in the same way. One of these is a glucoside that he has named "vinectoxin." This exists in a soluble and an insoluble variety, and a mixture of the two is also soluble, the solution congealing at a lower temperature than the other. A drop of a mixture congealing at about 15 deg. C. becomes a gelatinous bead in the hand and liquefies on touching anything cold. The basic terephthalate of zinc has the same property, as do also the "condurangins," which Vulpino has found in condurango, and which are analogous to the vinectoxins if not practically identical with them.

The problem of obtaining a healthy potato seems to have been solved in France by the new species that has been under test. This was found wild in marshy districts of Uruguay, has lost its bitter taste after several years of cultivation, and is reported to have an enormous yield. The blossoms supply a jasmine-like perfume. One planting of a field is sufficient for any number of years, as broken roots left in the soil spring up each season after the first.

The new Tuscan alloy, "radium argenteum," contains copper, iron, and minute portions of silver radium and phosphorus. It is about as heavy as copper, has a fine gold color that does not tarnish, is claimed to be stronger than steel and a better conductor than copper, and it is much cheaper than bronze.

Water now supplies 1,500,000 horse-power for electrical work, about one-third of it in the United States.

A new kind of peat briquettes is produced by chemical treatment. Lime, nitrate of potash, soot and saccharine matter are mixed with the raw peat, the effect being to absorb the water and oil, and to dry and harden the mass throughout. Only slight mechanical pressure is required by the process. The product is a fuel claimed to equal the best coal in density and to be suitable for domestic use, gas-making, steam raising, or conversion into coke for iron smelters. By taking the machinery—which is simple and automatic—to the bog, it is estimated that the cost of production can be reduced to \$1.25 per ton, the expense for chemicals being 25 cents or less.

Brilliantly phosphorescent zinc blende has been supposed to require the use of chemically pure zinc, but two German chemists have lately shown independently that traces of impurity are necessary for the best results. A blende containing one ten-thousandth of copper gives a beautiful green phosphorescence, while silver, lead, bismuth, tin, uranium or cadmium may be substituted for the copper with good effect. By adding common salt and magnesium chloride to a solution of pure ammonium zinc sulphate, precipitating with hydrogen sulphide, and heating the unwashed precipitate to whiteness for half an hour, a blende is produced that phosphoresces more brilliantly than the best "luminous paint."

The American bison appears to be gaining ground, and the extinction of this noble beast may still be far away. The latest census estimates the number in existence to be at least 1,646. These are largely scattered in zoological gardens and restricted parks in Europe and the United States, but a rapidly increasing herd, now thought to contain 600 individuals, is known to roam wild in the almost inaccessible region about the Great Slave Lake in Canada.

A varnish of melted sugar, applied with a soft brush, is the novel protective coating for butter that is finding favor in Germany and England.

The novel electric clock of Karl Sierl, of Innsbruck, is itself driven and gives impulses to other clocks without moving contacts or mechanical connections of any sort. A slot in a disc on an electro-magnetic pendulum and one in a fixed screen are so arranged that when they pass at each beat of the pendulum the light from an incandescent lamp some yards away passes through, and falls upon a cylindrical mirror.

The rays are focused by this mirror upon two selenium cells—one in the circuit of the pendulum and the other in circuit with the clock to be controlled. Each lighting and darkening

causes a variation in the resistance of the cells, and the current of the actuating magnet is thus made to give periodic impulses. Retarding impulses on the return swing are prevented by a time lag in the action of the selenium cells.

A curious motor—not likely to be put to practical use—has been devised by M. Lobeoyer, a French experimenter. After careful search he has discovered a stone—called the domite of Auvergne—in which water rises by capillary attraction to a height of four inches. Placing

two square sheets of this stone vertically in a basin of water, he suspends from them pieces of salt-petre-soaked fungus, and beneath this puts a little wheel with blotting-paper paddles. As the water passes from the stone to the fungus, the latter wets the blotting-paper on one side of the wheel, causing that side to fall. Evaporation then lightens the lower part of the wheel, while another portion is made heavy by wetting, rotation being thus set up, the rate varying with the state of the atmosphere.

Some observers have doubted the reality of X-rays because they have been unable to see the brightening of a phosphorescent screen. Mr. F. E. Hackett now claims to have measured the brightening-quantitatively, and has found that unannealed glass increases the brightness ten per cent, and a silent tuning-fork three per cent.

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ARRIVALS.

CABT. MEYERL, German str., 962, Cornard, 24th December.—Chinkiang 29th Dec., Beans & Ground Nuts.—E. A. Trading Co.
CHINGTU, British str., 1,454, J. D. McHowie, 24th Dec.—Kohs 18th Dec., General—
Butterfield & Swire.
CROWTAI, German str., 1,055, Spiesen, 25th December.—Bangkong 17th Dec., General—
Butterfield & Swire.
HATCHING, British str., 1,267, A. E. Hodgins, 25th Dec.—Kohs 24th Dec.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
HAUOLONG, British str., 783, W. C. Pamore, 25th December.—Coast Ports and Swatow 2nd December, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
HANOI, French str., 737, P. Merlees, 24th Dec., Haiphong and Hanoi 23rd December, General—R. R. Marti.
INKEN, British str., 3,071, E. S. Pearce, 23rd Dec.—Durban 26th Nov., Castle Garlic—
Gib Livington & Co.
ITAGA, British str., 3,363, C. R. Kendall, 25th December.—Rangoon 9th Dec., General—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.
JAVA, British str., 2,631, S. Paracham, 24th Dec.—London and Singapore 17th Dec., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
KAMOR, Norwegian str., 979, S. Falck Strans, 24th Dec.—Kutchni 19th Dec., Coal—
A. Burne.
LOONGSANG, British str., 1,092, G. S. Weigall, 26th Dec.—Manila 23rd Dec., General—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LYPEMOON, German str., 1,238, Th. Lehmann, 24th December.—Canton 23rd Dec., General—
Siemers & Co.
PALANGITA, British steamer, 2,308, E. H. Garland, R.N.R., 24th Dec.—Rangoon 9th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
PRINCESS MARIE, Danish str., 3,517, P. A. Barentzen, 24th Dec.—Singapore 14th Dec., General—Melschers & Co.
PELKUS, British str., 4,880, Burwise 24th Dec.—
Singapore 17th December, General—
Butterfield & Swire.
SHAHZADA, British str., 1,296, J. A. Martin, 26th Dec.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 22nd December, General—Chinese.
TONKIN, French str., 3,084, R. Schmitz, 26th December—Japan and Shanghai 23rd Dec., Mail and General—Messageries Maritimes.
TOONAN, Chinese str., 942, Best, 23rd Dec.—
Shanghai 22nd Dec., General—Chinese.
TYR, Norwegian str., 1,718, D. L. Danielsen, 26th Dec.—Hongkong 23rd Dec., Coal—
Sander, Wieland & Co.

DEPARTURES.

24th December.
CHIHLI, British str., for Nagasaki.
HIGHLANDER, American str., for Kobe.
KWANGSE, British str., for Shanghai.
LAETE, British str., for Saigon.
PIKATADER, American str., for Moji and Tacoma.
PRINCESSE MARIE, Danish str., for Shanghai.
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25th December.
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904. [254]
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Hongkong, 15th March, 1904.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the harbour has been divided into four sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

| DESTINATION | OWNER'S NAME | FLAG & BIG | BERTH | CAPTAIN | FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO | TO BE DESPATCHED |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL | BENGAL | Brit. str. | — | G. Philippa | P. & O. S. N. Co. | On 31st inst., at Noon. |
| LONDON & ANTWERP | BENLOMOND | Brit. str. | — | Clark | GIB, LIVINGSTON & CO. | About 10th Jan. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | MOTINE | Brit. str. | 1 m. | Davis | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 3rd Jan. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | HYSON | Brit. str. | 1 m. | Schmitz | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 17th Jan. |
| MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL | PELIAM | Brit. str. | 1 m. | C. Dowers | MESAGERIES MARITIMES | On 31st Jan. |
| BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL | TONIN | Frenstr. | — | Först | MELCHERS & CO. | To-day, at 1 P.M. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG | SEYDLITZ | Ger. str. | k. w. | von Hoff | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 4th Jan., at Noon. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG | ARMENIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Porzelius | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 1st Jan. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG | C. FRED. LAEISZ | Ger. str. | k. w. | Hildebrandt | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 22nd Jan. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG | AMBRIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Förck | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 27th Jan. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG | SITHONIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Füller | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 7th Feb. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG | ARCADIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Behrens | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 21st Mar. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG | ANDALUSIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Lüning | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 29th inst., P.M. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG | RHENANIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Damianovich | SANDER, WIELKE & CO. | On 20th Jan. |
| TRIPSTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c. | GISELA | Aus. str. | 1 p. | Edmondson | DODWELL & CO., LTD. | About 15th Jan. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL | HECTOR | Brit. str. | — | | STANDARD OIL CO. | About 20th Jan. |
| NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL | SHIMOSA | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL | SENICA | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c. | EAS ISSA | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAGASAKI, &c. | ATHENIAN | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN, | PELEUS | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| PORTLAND, OREGON | TEMBRTON | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE | NICOMEDIA | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| SHANGHAI | JAVA | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| SHANGHAI | KASHING | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY | TAIWAN | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| TAMSUL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY | COROMANDEL | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| TAIWAN | TRIUMPH | Jap. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| TAMSUL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY | FEITHOF | Jap. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| TAIWAN | M. STRUVE | Jap. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| TAIWAN | DECIMA | Jap. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| TAIWAN | HAILONG | Jap. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| MANILA | TEAN | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| MANILA | RUBI | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| MANILA | TEMBRTON | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| JAVA PORTS | ZAFIRO | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| SINGAPORE & SOURABAYA | FAUSANG | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | GREGORY APCAR | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | LAISANG | Brit. str. | — | | | To-morrow. |

VESSELS ON THE BERTH



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT),
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI,
ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.
Taking cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS,
to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED
SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and
ADRIATIC PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA"

Captain Damjanovich will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., P.M.
For information as to Passage and Freight,
apply to SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.
Princes' Buildings.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904.

REGULAR
STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
1904. About

"SHIMOSA" ... 30th Dec.
* "GHAZEE" ... 25th Jun.
"SATSUMA" ... 5th Feb.
* via Malabar Coast.
For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR
BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL,
AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"BENGAL"

Captain G. Philippa, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 31st December, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Victoria," 652 tons, from Colombo. Passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Oriental," due in London on the 12th February, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1904.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.
THE Steamship

"BENLOMOND"

Captain Clark, will be despatched as above on or about the 10th January, 1905.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBE, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1904.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUZ CANAL.
PROPOSED SAILINGS.

About

S.S. "EAS ISSA" ... 20th Jan., 1905.
S.S. "CLAVERADE" ... 30th Jan., 1905.

For freight and further information apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1904.

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NATAL, LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS
in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line
are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS
OF LADING for all the principal ports in
SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-
CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s forthcoming
service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailing from
CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA,
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

| FROM | STEAMERS | ON |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL | "PRIAM" | 4th January. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL | "WRAYCASTLE" | 5th January. |

HOMEBWARDS.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP | "MOYUNE" | 3rd January. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP | "HYSON" | 17th January. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL | "HECTOR" | 20th January. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP | "PRIAM" | 31st January. |

* Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | "PELEUS" | 28th December. |
| FOR FREIGHT, APPLY TO— | | |

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|----------|-----------|----------------|
| MANILA | "TEAM" | 27th December. |
| SHANGHAI | "TAIWAN" | 28th December. |
| SHANGHAI | "KASHING" | 28th December. |

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Tables. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

+ Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

† Taking cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

FOR FREIGHT OR PASSAGE, APPLY TO—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1904.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG,

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIQUE PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

STEAMERS.

1905
SYDDLITZ ... WEDNESDAY ... 4th January 1905
ROON ... WEDNESDAY ... 18th January
BAUERN ... WEDNESDAY ... 1st February
ZETEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 15th February
SACHSEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 1st March
PRINZESS ALICE ... WEDNESDAY ... 13th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD ... WEDNESDAY ... 29th March
PREUSSEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH ... WEDNESDAY ... 28th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1905, at NOON, the Steamship "SEYDLITZ," Captain C. Dowers, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES AND GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL

The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks:—

S.S. "LOTHIAN" ... Captain J. C. Williamson.

S.S. "SOFALA" ... Captain G. A. Shepherd.

S.S. "INDRASHAMA" ... Captain R. P. Craven.

S.S. "INDRAVELLI" ... Captain S. Collington.

S.S. "COURTFIELD" ... Captain J. W. Martin.

S.S. "SWANLEY" ... Captain J. P. Dawson.

S.S. "CRANLEY" ... Captain W. E. Steele.

S.S. "IKBAL" ... Captain M. Robertson.

S.S. "ASCOT" ... Captain C. E. Cox.

S.S. "INKUM" ... Captain E. S. Pearce.

S.S. "SIKH" ... Captain J. Rowley.

S.S. "SEALDA" ... Captain Geo. Brown.

For Freight, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1904.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS.

EXPECTED
FROM
ON OR ABOUT

WILL LEAVE FOR

ON OR ABOUT

TIJIPANAS ... JAPAN First half of JAVA PORTS Second half of January

TIJLATJAP ... JAVA First half of JAPAN via SHANGHAI First half of January

TIJMAHI ... JAPAN Second half of JAVA PORTS Second half of December

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

HEAD AGENCY OF THE

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.
Telephone No. 375.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1904.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHAI-PIO INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

| STEAMSHIP | TONS. | CAPTAIN | TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON |
|-------------|-------|---------|------------------------|
| "NICOMEDIA" | 4,370 | Wagner | January 6th, 1905. |
| "NUMANTIA" | 4,370 | Brahmer | January 31st, 1905. |
| "ARABIA" | 4,493 | Buhle | February 20th, 1905. |
| "ARAGONIA" | 5,198 | Schuldt | March 12th, 1905. |

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

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These tiny capsules—superior to Copaiaba, Cubeb, and

Injections—cure the same diseases as these drugs in forty-eight hours without inconvenience.

Each capsule bears the name MIDY.

Known all over the World as a thorough

effective preserver of Wood against White Ants.

Fungus, Dry-rot, Decay.

Number of Testimonials from Authorities as well as from Private Customers.

LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO.

Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1904.

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TRADE MARK

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The public are requested to post their local New Year Cards early.
Attention is called to page 5, paragraph 50, of the Hongkong Postal Guide, which has reference to the stamping and posting of New Year Cards.
Cards which are sealed or forwarded in closed covers with the corners cut off or with notched ends will be treated as letters and cannot be forwarded at Post Box rate.

The 2nd and 3rd of January 1905, having been declared public holidays, the Post Office will be closed, except from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one delivery and one collection on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

In future, the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon:
Cosmopolitan Dock 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.
Hung Hom Dock 9.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Yau Ma Tei Police station 9.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Gas Works 9.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
Cameron Road 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

The *Astorian*, with the French mail of the 25th November, left Saigon on Saturday, the 24th inst. at 3 p.m. and may be expected here to-morrow. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd October.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR

PER DATE

Macao

Wingchau Tuesday, 27th, 7.30 A.M.

Canton

Houmen Tuesday, 27th, 7.30 A.M.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama

Jeuu Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.

Haiphong

Hanoi Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.

Shanghai and Yokohama

Tuesday, 27th, 10.00 A.M.

Bangkok

Tuesday, 27th,

EUROPE, &c. India via Tuticorin

(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Macao

Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A.M.

Tonkin

Registration 10.00 A.M.

Heungshan

(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)

Lycoenon

Letter 11.00 A.M.

Fusiusing

Tuesday, 27th, 1.45 P.M.

Tean

Tuesday, 27th, 2.00 P.M.

Medan

Tuesday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.

Pelorus

Tuesday, 27th, 4.00 P.M.

Takhing

Tuesday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.

Tauchau

Wednesday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.

Hofu

Tuesday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.

E. Rickmers

Tuesday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.

Haukow

Wednesday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.

Kinshau

Wednesday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.

Wingchau

Wednesday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.

Attonian

Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A.M.

Heungshan

Registration 10.00 A.M.

G. Appear

(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)

Letters

11.00 A.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 1.45 P.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 6.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 7.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 8.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Regular Meeting of the Zetland Lodge, Free-masons' Hall, 5.30 for 6 p.m.

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co. Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club Germania, Club House, 5.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

24th December.

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/114

Bank Bills, on demand 1/115

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/115

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/115

Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/115

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight/1115

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 244

Credits, at 6 months' sight 2471

ON GERMANY.—

On demand 198

ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 478

Credits, 60 days' sight 481

ON BOMBAY.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1441

Bank, on demand 1441

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1441

Bank, on demand 1441

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank at sight 718

Private, 30 days' sight 724

ON YOKOHAMA.—

On demand 958

ON MANILA.—

On demand—Pesos 334

ON SINGAPORE.—

On demand 21/2 p.m.

ON BATAVIA.—

On demand 116

ON HAIPHONG.—

On demand 1/1 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—

On demand 1/1 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.—

On demand 61

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate 81.20

GOLD DOLLAR, 100 fine, per tael 854

BAR SILVER, per oz 28 1/2

OPIUM.

21st December.

Quotations are:—Allow one cent to 1 cent.

Malwa New \$1070 to \$1090 per picul

Malwa Old \$1140 to \$1160

Malwa Older \$1200 to \$1220

Malwa V. Old \$1250 to \$1270

Perfumed fine quality \$870 to —

Perfumed extra fine \$900 to —

Patna New \$1152 to —

Patna Old \$— to —

Banaras New \$1107 to —

Banaras Old \$— to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic* left Shanghai on the 24th Dec. at 10 p.m. and is due here this morning.

The P.M. steamer *Korea* from San Francisco to the 3rd Dec. via Honolulu left Yokohama for this port on the 23rd Dec. a.m. via Kobe, &c.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Australien* will leave Saigon to-day, the 24th Dec. at 3 p.m. for this port, and is due here to-day.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Coronation* left Singapore for this port on the 25th Dec. at noon, and is due here on the 31st Dec. about noon.

BERGENT STEAMERS.

The A.L. steamer *Cicilia* left Shanghai for this port on the 24th Dec. a.m.

The N.C. steamer *Taiyuhan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due here to-morrow.

The A.A. steamer *Massapequa*, from New York, will leave Manila on the 25th Dec., and is due here to-morrow.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenorgan* left Singapore on the 22nd Dec., and is due here to-morrow.

The steamer *Shimosa* left Singapore for this port on the 24th Dec.

Highest open air Temperature on 25th 58

Lowest open air Temperature on 25th 45

Ideal Milk



Enriched 20 per cent.

with Cream.

Sterilized—Not Sweetened.

A Perfect Substitute for Fresh Milk.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 23rd December.

COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATIONS.

Banks—

Hongkong & Sh. \$125

Natl. Bank of China

A. Shares 28

B. Shares 28

Foun. Shares 21

Insurance—

Union \$100

China Traders' \$25

North China \$25

Yangtze \$60